

members of the CYAC spent time interviewing a veteran and documenting the experience for the "Preserving History Project." Today I'm proud to submit the brief summaries provided so the patriotic service of our dedicated veterans and the thoughtful work of the CYAC may be preserved for antiquity in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A copy of each submitted student summary follows.

To each member of the Congressional Youth Advisory Council, thank you for making this year and this group a success. It is not a coincidence that this congressional tribute celebrates two generations of service. Each of you is trusted with the precious gift of freedom.

You are the voices of the future and I salute you. God bless you and God bless America.

The summary follows:

Horace Easton Bradford is a Texas veteran who fought in World War Two. He joined the military right out of high school in 1941 because he believed it was the right and patriotic choice. During his military career, Mr. Bradford obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant and fought in Northern Africa and Europe in WWII. His job was to maintain and oversee airplane maintenance and service. Planes had to be in the best condition before they could fly out and perform missions and assignments. Although it was hard work, Staff Sergeant Bradford was able to explore a totally different area of the world while serving the country he loved.

Discovering Horace Bradford's experiences in combat in a major world war was truly a life changing experience for me. Reading history in textbooks is nothing compared to an individual's personal encounter with history. I was able to use my background knowledge in U.S. history to understand his experiences in WWII. I could feel his compassion and his dedication to the Army. His service in wartime helped reinforce my appreciation to all servicemen who have fought in world conflicts.—Richard Hung

INTRODUCTION OF EARMARK REFORM RESOLUTION

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. GOODLATTE. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a Resolution that expresses the will of Congress to save taxpayer money and reduce the deficit.

Madam Speaker, Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "To preserve [the] independence [of the people,] we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude."

As my colleagues may know, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the federal deficit is \$655 billion through the first five months of FY 2010. This is \$65 billion or 11.0% above the deficit through the first five months of FY 2009—which ended up with the highest deficit in U.S. history (\$1.4 trillion).

In these challenging economic times it is even more important for government to control spending. Congress must control spending, paving the way for a return to surpluses and ultimately paying down the national debt, rather than allow big spenders to lead us further down the road of chronic deficits and in doing so leave our children and grandchildren saddled with debt that is not their own.

Unfortunately, the federal budget deficit is projected to exceed \$1 trillion for the next two fiscal years and hover around \$800 billion annually for the foreseeable future. These current levels of spending are simply unsustainable.

That is why I am proud that the Republican Conference recently adopted a party rule that instills a year-long moratorium on Members obtaining "earmarks" in the FY2011 appropriations process. The earmark process is broken and is in desperate need of reform.

While I am pleased that the Republican Conference has adopted a one-year earmark moratorium, the simple fact is that our policy will not save the taxpayers a dime unless Democrats reduce spending by the amount saved by the Republican moratorium. Otherwise, they will be able to just spend the money saved by the Republican earmark ban on their own Democratic earmarks.

Madam Speaker, the American people want earmark reform because they want to rein in out-of-control spending. In order to actually help achieve this goal, I am introducing this resolution today with virtually all of my Republican colleagues. Specifically, our resolution:

"Expresses the sense of Congress that House Democrats should join House Republicans in a total ban on earmarks for one year, that total discretionary spending should be reduced by the amount saved by earmark moratoriums and that a bipartisan, bicameral committee should be created to review and overhaul the budgetary, spending and earmark processes."

I hope that all Members of the House will join House Republicans in supporting this resolution and thus commit ourselves to the will of the American people to eliminate every cent of waste and squeeze every cent of value out of each hard-earned taxpayer dollar.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I was detained from voting after attending the funeral of Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks on Wednesday, April 21, 2010. If present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 214; rollcall 215; rollcall 216.

CONGRATULATING STEPHANIE CALDERON, LAUREN GRYZEWSKI, SOFIA RAMOS AND SARA SEWERYN ON RECEIVING THE GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARD

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Illinois students Stephanie Calderon of Reavis High School in Burbank, Lauren Gryczewski of Shepard High School in Palos Heights, Sofia Ramos of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago, and Sara Seweryn of the Queen of Peace High School

in Burbank. These four young leaders are among 105 Illinois students selected from 2,125 nominations as 2010 Golden Apple Scholars.

The Golden Apple Scholars program recognizes Illinois high school seniors dedicated to the profession of teaching. The Golden Apple Scholars program is run by the Golden Apple Foundation, which promotes excellence in teaching through a vast array of support programs for current teachers and by training students to enter the teaching profession. Those selected as Golden Apple Scholars receive a \$15,000 college scholarship, as well as valuable, hands-on professional summer training. In return Golden Apple Scholars commit to working for five years in high-need Illinois schools.

Thanks to this award, these four students will be able to bring their energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge to classrooms across Illinois that are in desperate need of highly qualified teachers. It is an honor to represent students whose own continued education will become a foundation for the education of others.

As a former educator, I understand the hard work and dedication it takes to succeed in such a demanding, important profession. I ask you to join me in honoring these four future teachers for their outstanding commitment to their community and state, and in recognition of their designation as 2010 Golden Apple Scholars.

HONORING JOHN LAWSON

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 22, 2010

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate John Lawson upon being awarded with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9896. Mr. Lawson was honored on Saturday, January 30, 2010 in Chowchilla, California.

Mr. John Lawson was born and raised in Los Angeles, California where he graduated from Bell High School. After high school, Mr. Lawson enlisted in the United States Army in 1967 and was sent to Fort Campbell, Kentucky for basic training. Upon completion of basic training, he was assigned a military occupational specialty in the Army Signal Corps.

In November 1967, Mr. Lawson was ordered to Vietnam and was assigned to the 459th Signal Battalion; the same unit that served in Europe at Normandy, North France and Central Europe. Upon returning from Europe after World War II, the battalion was deactivated at Camp Pinedale, near Fresno, California. The 459th Signal Battalion was reactivated in 1962 and made part of the Sixth Army. In 1966, the battalion landed in Vietnam as part of the 21st Signal Group, First Signal Brigade.

While with the 459th Signal Battalion, Mr. Lawson encountered the TET Offensive that the North Vietnamese unleashed. During this time, he performed duties as a troubleshooter, repairing radio equipment for combat and supporting units in various provinces of Vietnam. The North Vietnamese successfully attacked U.S. forces and bases throughout South Vietnam, disrupting communications. Mr. Lawson